Sandy Island Camp

Resident Director's Report

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The 1969 Sandy Island staff proved to be the greatest camping team that I have ever had the privilege of working with. The success of the 1969 season is due to these dedicated people. The creativity and enthusiasm of youth complemented by the experience, wisdom, dedication, and support of the senior staff members made for an excellent and skillful staff team. Divisions of responsibility were evident as was a sincere and genuine willingness on the part of all staff members to cooperate and work together toward a common goal. Each Sandy staff member serves in either a program funtion or a service function of the camp. The program staff makes up about one third of the total staff.

Program and Staff

Robert Patterson, Program Director, did an outstanding job of offering Sandyites one of the best program summers in Sandy's history. While directly responsible for the adult program, Bob was also responsible for the coordination of all program. His contagious enthusiasm and leadership in the program area was appreciated by all. Mott deForest, Director of the Older Children's Program, did an excellent job in offering a creative and meaningful program to that age level.

One of the busiest centers of activity at Sandy is the Babson Center for Arts and Crafts. Mrs. Lois Prowten again lent her artistic abilities to this popular and important dimension of camp life. One of the most significant aspects of the craft shop program is that it cuts across all lines and offers Sandy campers of all ages the opportunity to be creative and to develop some of their own potential.

Andrew Geoghegan, new to the Sandy staff this year, did a remarkable job in administering the waterfront program. Sandy being an island has one of the largest waterfront areas of any camp in New England. Although swimming is primarily focused on the main waterfront area and Sandy Beach, it is permitted anywhere around the island. The waterfront directorship is a major responsibility.

Barbara Patterson ran another very successful program in the "little red school house." This building is now twice its original size, and it serves as a very real program resource for Sandy campers.

Service Staff

The service staff of Sandy makes up the remaining two thirds of the total staff picture. During the past summer 31 individuals were in this category.

Camping people are willing to sacrifice many things when vacationing. Wall to wall carpeting, color television, and other luxuries of life can be forgotten. Good food, however, is a must. Bill "Doc" Porter, chef, did a fantastic job for Sandy this summer. Facing food cost increases of as much as 17% on a budget that was already tight, and at the same time offering a quality product in sufficient quantities was a major task. "Doc" Porter and I, together and separately, spent more time this summer than ever before shoping

from one distributor or purveyor to another comparing prices and products, checking bills and delivery slips, etc. In spite of the continuous problem that rising food costs presented, box lunches were delivered in style to hiking groups, birthday cakes were never forgotten, and the many added little features were never sacrificed.

Dana Basney, Director of the Service Crew, did a most significant job this summer. Have you ever wondered who was responsible for having the lodge clean, organized, and ready for use in the A.M. after the dance the night before; making sure there is enough firewood in camp at the proper locations; for the maintenance of all buildings, lavatories, washing machines, the complete plumbing system, etc.? The Service Crew boys under Dana's direction were able to maintain all facilities and still have time to completely repaint the two largest buildings in camp, our lodge and dining hall, as well as reorganize the new shop area.

Grace and Baldy Steward were invaluable members of the staff again this summer. Camp Nurse is only one aspect of Grace's portfolio. As she sits waiting for a camper or staff member at the Interlakes Medical Center, she might be making up the dining hall list and seating plan for the week ahead, or perhaps making up the linen, crib, and blanket lists. Baldy, whose building expertese surpasses all, bagan and completed the new linen room which will be an extension of the new infirmary. He also put a lavatory in the new shop. These two projects plus numerous essential smaller ones kept Baldy busy for the season.

The camp office, the pulse of the camp, was capably administered by Judith Handy this summer. Judy, an employee of the Camping Services Division of the Greater Boston YMCA, works with the Sandy correspondence and registrations year round. Having her continue with this responsibility through the summer rather than training someone else to do this for the summer season, only proved to be an asset to the Sandy operation. Sandy has grown to a point where this type of consistency and professionalism is a must.

Jane Lenker and Bonnie Stewart very ably managed the camp store this summer. Both girls took on a major responsibility with this project and did exceptionally well.

Behind all of these leaders in program and service were a group of responsible, capable, and hard-working people. Each person's job was important and a necessary part of the total camp picture. My sincere thanks to them all for their cooperation, willingness to pitch in and get a job done, and for the many, many times they gave unselfishly of themselves.

Pre-Season and Post-Season Projects

Another major dimension of the Sandy picture is the pre and post season periods. Sandy is very fortunate in having a team of very skillful and dedicated people who give up their weekends during the pre and post season periods to work hard at opening and closing camp. As soon as the ice is out of the lake in April, this crew of "specialists" assemble to begin designated projects and the major plumbing hook-up. This past summer there were two major projects to be completed--the installation of the fresh water system and the installation of the new sewage system.

Both projects were under the direction of Brad Croan. Assisting Brad and assuming major responsibilities were Larry Roberts and Don Dome. Larry was in charge of the design and construction of the main pumping station for the sewage system. This building houses the two main pumps for the system and contains all of Sandy's plumbing apparatus, work benches, tools, etc. It in itself is a major accomplishment in the development of the island. Don Dome took on the responsibility of the new water system. This project was extremely time consuming and its completion marks a major step forward. Many hours of planning preceded the actual hours of work to make this system effective and serviceable for many years. The new sewage system and the new fresh water system in any other camp would have been done by contract labor. With the help of these men, we were able to tackle these projects ourselves and save several thousand dollars for Sandy Island.

Capital Improvements -- 1969

Sewage System: The new oxidation pond and sewage system are now complete. New septic tanks, holding tanks, pumps, and vinyl line have been installed throughout the camp. The old leaching field system is no longer in use. Included in this system is a main pump house which also serves as headquarters for all plumbing supplies, storage bins, pumps and tools.

Fresh Water System: The kitchen, all lavatory sinks and showers plus all drinking fountains in camp have been hooked up to well water. All flush facilities use lake water. Although the well is not currently supplying the quantities of water desired, it is believed that with some modifications this system will be adequate. The new fresh water system is designed so that if for any reason there is a failure within the system, an alternate system may be turned on in a matter of minutes which will adequately supply chlorinated lake water.

Shop Lavatory: A large lavatory was installed in the new work shop (Baldy's Instituite). This completes major expenditures for that building with the exception of power tools, etc. They will be needed as the wood-working and auto maintenance areas of the building are completed. It is hoped that the final stages of the shop reorganization (tool room, paint room, auto maintenance bay and woodworking area) may be completed by the close of next summer.

Linen Room: The new linen room was begun and completed this summer. All blankets and linen supplies will be moved from the lodge area to this new facility. The linen room is to be an extension of the new infirmary.

Plumbing in the School House: To the delight of the supervisors of the little red school house, a lavatory has now been installed in the new addition of that building.

Kitchen Renovations:

New Hot Water System: A new 80-gal. commercial gas heater was installed in the kitchen. The washing machines are now being supplied by a separate heater. This system has solved a hot water shortage problem that has existed for sometime.

New Freezer: A second-hand, double-door, reach-in freezer was purchased and installed.

Additional Kitchen Washer and Dryer: One additional laundry service was installed in the kitchen this past spring. The purpose of this additional laundry facility is to service the entire kitchen laundry needs such as towels, uniforms, etc.

New Staff Cottage: A new staff cottage was added on the west shore in line with the Director's Cottage and Chef's Cottage. A small cabin was erected post season by Sandy weekend crews and volunteers. The cabin is 21' X 20', and its exterior finish is novelty siding #108.

Walk-In Floor: The left-hand walk-in floor was completely removed and a new cement floor poured. Both walk-in refrigerators now have cement floors which are permanently repaired. Tile will be placed on both floors in the spring.

New Camp Truck: A used 1968 Dodge pick-up truck was purchased. It is in very good condition and should give us adequate service for two or three more years.

Little Sandy Engine Rebuilt: A valve and ring job was done on the Little Sandy. The amount of service left in that motor is very questionable at this point.

School House Completed: Final work was completed on the schoolhouse including a lavatory. One new toilet, however, is needed.

Sailfish: Three used sailfish were purchased. These boats proved to be a most popular item this summer.

1969 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

		Budgeted Cost	Actual Cost
1.	Sewage System	$4,000	$2,870
2.	Fresh Water System	4,000	1,300
3.	Shop Lavatory	350	200
4.	Linen Room	1,250	1,650
5.	School House Lavatory (To be completed in 1970)	300	75
6.	Kitchen Renovations:		
	Freezer	300	65
	Washing Machine	200	200
	Dryer	200	0
7.	New Staff Cottage	1,500	850
8.	Walk-In Floor	100	65
9.	New Camp Truck	2,000	1,600
10.	Little Sandy Engine Rebuilding	300	500
11.	Sailfish	1,600 (for 2)	525 (for 3)
	TOTALS:	$16,100	$ 9,900

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

1.	North Dock Repair	$ 1,000
2.	Kitchen Floor Repair	400
3.	New Water Heater, South Lavatory	200
4.	Circulation Fans in Kitchen	300
5.	Dining Hall Expansion	9,000
6.	Infirmary	6,000
7.	Sports Equipment Pavilion	1,800
8.	Conversion of Present Linen Room to Office	200
9.	New Motor, Little Sandy	2,000
10.	Schoolhouse Toilet	150
11.	New Jeep	2,500
12.	Taxi Boat and Water Ski Boat	1,000
	TOTAL:	$ 24,550

APPENDIX I

1969 Camper Statistics

1. Attendance

	Individuals		Camper Days	
	1968	1969	1968	1969
Regular Camping Season	972	824	8667	9219
Labor Day Weekend	83	170	166	510
TOTALS:	1065	994	8833	9729

2. Total Unduplicated Enrollment
(June 28 - Aug. 23 + Labor Day Wknd.)

1968	1969
1107	994

3. Analysis of Weekly Enrollment

	1967	1968	1969
June 28 - July 5	126	130	127
July 5 - 12	129	150	136
July 12 - 19	139	163	150
July 19 - 26	156	162	156
July 26 - August 2	132	153	139
August 2 - 9	138	148	139
August 9 - 16	141	144	152
August 16 - 23	143	145	148
Labor Day Weekend	81	83	170
TOTALS:	1185	1278	1317

4. Number of Campers

	1968	1969
Male Adults	285	247
Female Adults	337	265
Boys (Under 18)	248	247
Girls (Under 18)	237	235
TOTALS:	1107	994

5. Number of Y.M.C.A. Members

1968	1969
282	255

6. Racial Distribution

	1968	1969
Caucasian	1091	971
Negro	8	12
Oriental	8	11
TOTALS:	1107	994

7. Age of Campers

	0-1	2-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-18	19-25	26-34	35-up	Total
Male	6	15	44	60	59	64	19	74	153	494
Female	5	9	41	52	50	78	22	80	163	500
TOTALS:	11	24	85	112	109	142	41	154	316	994

8. Length of Stay

	Different Persons	Percent of Total
Less than 7 days	120	12.1
1 week	680	68.5
2 weeks	182	18.4
3 weeks	11	.8
4 weeks	0	--
5 weeks	0	--
6 weeks	1	.2
TOTAL:	994	100 %

9. Size of Families

	1968	1969
Couples	45	37
3 in family	49	34
4 in family	81	67
5 in family	51	53
6 in family	22	23
7 in family	14	8
8 in family	5	4
11 in family	1	0
15 in family	0	1

10. Number of Single Adults in Attendance

	1968	1969
Males	90	32
Females	92	40

APPENDIX II

Additional Facility Use

CHRISTADELPHIANS

1. Total Unduplicated Enrollment

1968	1969
172	176

2. Length of Enrollment

	1968	1969
Less than week	5	16
1 week	167	160
TOTALS:	172	176

3. Age of Campers Enrolled for Full Week

	1968	1969
0 - 2 years	3	4
3 - 6 years	18	20
7 - 12 years	32	31
13 - 18 years	31	22
Adults	83	83
TOTALS:	167	160

PRE & POST SEASON GROUPS

1. Total Enrollment

1968	1969
48	80

2. Groups (1969)

Name	Attendance	Dates
Woburn YMCA, IMC	28	September 6 & 7
YMCA Staff Retreat	52	Sept. 27 - Oct. 1

APPENDIX III

Sandy Island Camp - Summary Financial Report

To October 30, 1969

	1969 Budget	Actuals /3./69
Incomes	$ 77,325	$ 77,106
Expenses	$ 77,325	$ 76,483
Surplus or Deficit:	$ 0	$ 622 (S)

Note: The above actual figures are complete to October 30, 1969, and are subject to various credits and debits before the end of the fiscal year. The anticipated outcome, however, will be very close to the budgeted expectations.